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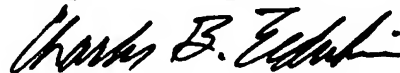
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth on page 2 of the latest Official Action, the Examiner has listed a number of claimed features which are not taught or suggested by the patent publication to Hattori '350.

It will be noted that in connection with the Examiner's listing with respect to Claims 62, 65, 66, and 67, not all of the listed features are present in all of the listed claims. For example, "a light source positioned above the viewing field" and a "camera" do not appear in Claim 62. Nor does a "camera" appear in Claim 67. Thus the Examiner's listing should not be interpreted to mean that all of the listed features are present in all of the listed claims.

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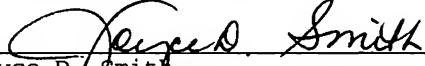
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